

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:265
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2000
SECURITY OF SLEEPER CLASS PASSENGERS
SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no railway personnel are available in the sleeper bogies of the Express Trains at night for security of passengers except the thieves in the guise of vendors;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for protecting the passengers of sleeper class;
- (c) whether the Railway Administration conducts surprise checks to watch the situation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the passengers of sleeper class?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION No.265 DR. SANJAY PASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.8.2000 REGARDING SECURITY OF SLEEPER CLASS PASSENGERS.

- a) No, Sir.
- b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The number of checks conducted are as follows:

Year No.of checks conducted Against Ticketless travel. No. of Hawkers apprehended

1998-99	12.12 lakhs	44,106	
1999-2000	12.52 lakhs	46,302	
2000-2001 (upto May 2000)	2.16 lakhs	10,631	

e) 'Policing' being a State subject, the safety and security of passengers and their belongings in the running trains and railway premises is the Constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP). In addition to various measure being taken by the GRP to improve the safety and security of the passengers, the Railway administration is taking the following steps to assist GRP:-

1. A meeting of Chief Secretaries and Director General of States was convened in January 2000 by Minister for Railways. A high level joint Committee of Railways and State Government Officials has been set up to suggest ways and means to improve effectiveness of GRP and RPF in preventing crimes in trains and Railway premises.
2. Anti-social elements are being removed from Railway premises and trains by RPF.
3. Proper watch is being kept by Coach Attendants/TTEs on the passengers entering/detraining from the coaches and the coaches are properly locked during their run especially in night hours.
4. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations Masters/RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.

5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels.
6. Announcements through Public Address system and CCTV at important Railway Stations alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.
7. RPF Assistance posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police etc.
8. Periodic high level co-ordination meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are being conducted to analyse the crime position on Railways with a view to take suitable preventive measures.
9. Wherever the State Government wants to establish mobile post in the running trains, necessary facilities like accommodation etc. are being provided.